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Christmas gift thief sought in Burglary of Residence case

Case: 08-3441634

Date: Dec. 9, 2008

Time: 5:19 p.m.

Location: 5900 block of Garden Oaks Drive

Narrative:

The Austin Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating a burglar who stole about \$3,000 worth of wrapped gifts from under a family's Christmas tree.

It is believed that once the suspect burglarized the residence, he was later involved in a Leaving the Scene crash that occurred nearby. The patrol officer that took the report of the burglary heard the description of the vehicle involved in the crash and believed it matched the description of the vehicle involved in the burglary. He asked officers at the scene if there were Christmas gifts in the vehicle. Once a search warrant was executed officers searched the vehicle and confirmed that there were gifts inside. The wrapping paper and gift labels matched the description of the gifts stolen in the burglary. The gifts have been returned to the family.

The suspect is described as:

Hispanic male

Approx. 5'6"

150 lbs

Short brown hair

Brown eyes

He was last seen driving a 1989, white Cadillac, four door, with Texas license plates, N39ZXC.



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Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Southeast Detectives at 512-974-8218.

Media Advisory: APD PIO will be available for interviews at the APD Training Academy on Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, at 10 a.m. Please call APD-PIO if you plan to attend.

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